

Located in the heart of the Desert Training Center, the General Patton Memorial Museum was established on November 11, 1988, to honor the memory of General George Patton. The museum contains exhibits ranging from World War I through the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and honors the service and sacrifice of America's veterans.

In the early days of World War II, the greatest global conflict our world has ever seen, the War Department recognized the need to train troops to withstand the rigors of battle over rough desert terrain. Thus, the Desert Training Center, formally known as the California-Arizona Maneuver Area, was established in 1942. Led by Major General George S. Patton Jr., the training camp trained 1 million troops from 1942–1944.

When the direction of the war shifted to the Allies' favor in 1944, the camp was closed, ending the largest simulated theater of operations in the history of military maneuvers. While most of the structures were removed, much of the infrastructure, including rock-lined streets, staging areas, flag circles, and tent areas remain.

It is my hope that the General Patton Memorial Museum and the World War II Desert Training Center will serve as a powerful reminder of how our nation's freedom has been preserved by the dedication of our armed forces. While no single tribute can fully honor their sacrifice, this memorial offers a chance for our community to stand together in honoring the men and women who have fought under the Stars and Stripes. I am certain that any patriotic American would benefit from a visit to the General Patton Memorial Museum and I encourage all those traveling to this region to consider visiting.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the General Patton Memorial Museum and the World War II Desert Training Center.

NOVEMBER 2011 IS PULMONARY
HYPERTENSION AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, November is Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month 2011 in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. Pulmonary Hypertension, PH, is the condition of continuous high blood pressure in the arteries or veins of the lungs which can result in an enlarged heart, causing it to lose its ability to pump. PH symptoms are similar to common respiratory and cardiac ailments and is therefore difficult to properly diagnose. It often leads to life-threatening delays in treatment. Although there is no cure for the disease, there is hope. Unfortunately, the medications can be expensive and invasive, with some patients requiring continuous infusion pumps and oxygen.

The Pulmonary Hypertension Association, PHA, a patient support charity group, raises funds for research, promotes awareness, and proves educational and emotional support to the estimated 30,000 diagnosed patients in

the United States. It has helped to establish 235 patient support groups throughout the nation, including four groups in South Carolina that serve over 150 patients, caregivers and family members across the state.

On behalf of the Pulmonary Hypertension patients in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, I would like to bring awareness to their cause by citing November 2011 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month.

RECOGNIZING THE 109TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. ROOSEVELT LEE, SR. OF KOSCIUSKO, MS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. of Kosciusko, Mississippi; as a father, husband and agricultural entrepreneur in recognition of his 109th birthday. Born October 23, 1902 to Mr. Tom Lee and Mrs. Mary Young Lee, Roosevelt is the eldest and last surviving of nine siblings. Mr. Lee is the father of eighteen (18) children, grandfather to sixty (60) grandchildren and great-grandfather to more than fifty (50) great-grandchildren.

During a period when educational resources for African Americans were slim to none, Mr. Lee managed to receive up to a third grade education which was offered out of a local church in Kosciusko where he is a native. At a very young age Mr. Lee committed his time and talent to working to help support his family; he worked as a farmer, mechanic, and raiser of cattle and other livestock.

He is a devote Christian and passionate steward of the Lord. He was a member of the Mount Ollie Missionary Baptist Church in Kosciusko, Mississippi for 67 years where he actively served as Sunday school superintendent, treasurer, head deacon, and trustee for the church. Currently, he is a member of the Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksdale and has been for the past eight years.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Sir Knight Masters of Clarksdale, Mississippi. He has selflessly devoted his time to helping other local farmers maintain and repair their farming equipment and vehicles. Mr. Lee's work ethic and commitment to making provisions for his family has allowed his family to keep its farm for 81 years.

In October of 2007, Mayor Henry Epsy of Clarksdale, Mississippi, declared October 27th as Roosevelt Lee, Sr. Day. At the seasoned age of 109, Mr. Lee does not suffer from high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart issues or diabetes but has most recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer disease.

Boxing and wrestling are two of his favorite sports. He has a passion for checkers and loves to travel. He has frequented many of America's most popular destinations such as Chicago, St. Louis, California, Atlanta and a host of others.

Out of his more than a century of life, Mr. Lee confirms that his commitment to Christ has been what has sustained him. He believes that if you serve the Lord and do the right thing regardless of what the next person does,

God will bless you. He is a true example of the wondrous works of the Lord and what it means to be a provider for your family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating a true champion of the life, Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. for his tenacious and zealous works as a farmer, father and one fine American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 816, I was attending the funeral mass of a family member and was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN SLAUGHTER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joan Slaughter for her service to the United States and to my home town of Philadelphia, PA. Joan began her career with the Federal Government on October 23, 1973. She started as a Sewing Machine Operator and the Directorate of Manufacturing at the Defense Personnel Support Center in my district. But, she would not remain in that post for long.

Her drive for excellence and her commitment to service led her to a constant string of educational certificates and degrees and promotions at work.

Providing the best product to the warfighter has been her guiding principal. That commitment resulted in a nearly 38 year career and the undying love and respect of her colleagues and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Joan's love of country is only exceeded by her love of her family. Her husband Gregory and children Gregory, Jr., Shirley and Karen, along with son-in-law Victor, daughter-in-law Nicole, and her grandsons, granddaughters and great grandson could tell us story after story illustrating how wonderful she is.

Joan is retiring now. But, DLA's loss is her family's gain. Our country's loss will be our community's gain.

I ask that all every Member of the House of Representatives join me in honoring her on the occasion of her retirement.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 894, the Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011. This